

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-17 and amend the claims as follows:

1. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of making a golf ball comprising;

~~(a) selecting a first staged resin film; and~~

~~(b) molding the first staged resin film to form a portion of the golf ball~~

partially curing a crosslinkable resin to form a staged resin film;

forming a portion of the golf ball with the staged resin film.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the ~~staged resin film in the step of selecting is part of a laminate~~ step of forming a portion of a golf ball further comprises the steps of:

sandwiching the staged resin film between two layers of polybutadiene-based material to form a laminate; and

applying the laminate to a core.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the ~~staged resin film in the step of selecting is in the form of a pre-molded shell~~ the step of forming a portion of a golf ball further comprises the steps of:

forming the staged resin film into a pre-molded shell; and

forming a portion of the golf ball with the pre-molded shell.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, ~~further comprising at least partially curing the portion of the golf ball that is formed from the staged resin film~~ wherein the crosslinkable resin comprises a polyurethane, polyurea, epoxy, diene rubber, unsaturated polyester, silicone, and mixtures thereof.

22. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the portion of the golf ball is not the outermost portion, and further comprising molding at least one second staged resin film over the portion of the golf ball formed from the first staged resin film.

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the polyurethane comprises a partially or totally blocked isocyanate.
24. (New) A method of making a golf ball component comprising:
partially curing a crosslinkable resin to form a staged resin film having a Shore D hardness that is about 10 percent to about 80 percent of a completely cured staged resin film;
forming a portion of the golf ball with the staged resin film.
25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of partially curing a crosslinkable resin results in a staged resin film having a Shore D hardness that is about 20 percent to about 60 percent of a completely cured staged resin film.
26. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of forming further comprises the steps of:
providing a core; and
forming the staged resin film about the core.
27. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the crosslinkable resin comprises polyurethane, polyurea, epoxy, diene rubber, unsaturated polyester, silicone, or mixtures thereof.
28. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the crosslinkable resin comprises a partially or totally blocked isocyanate, an interpenetrating polymer network, an isocyanate compound comprising a ketimine, or mixtures thereof.
29. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of partially curing a crosslinkable resin further comprises adding at least one material that alters moisture or vapor transmission through the golf ball component.
30. (New) A method of making a golf ball component comprising:
partially curing a crosslinkable resin to form a staged resin film having a tensile strength that is about 10 percent to about 80 percent of a completely cured staged resin film;

molding a portion of the golf ball with the staged resin film.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of partially curing a crosslinkable resin results in a staged resin film having a tensile strength that is about 20 percent to about 60 percent of a completely cured staged resin film.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the staged resin film comprises at least one of a partially or totally blocked isocyanate, an interpenetrating polymer network, an isocyanate compound comprising a ketimine, or mixtures thereof.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of molding a portion of the golf ball with the staged resin film further comprises the steps of:

- providing first and second sheets of polybutadiene rubber;
- sandwiching the staged resin film between the first and second sheets of polybutadiene rubber to form a laminate; and
- applying the laminate to a core.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the step of molding a portion of the golf ball with the staged resin film further comprises the steps of:

- providing first and second sheets of staged resin film;
- providing a sheet of polybutadiene-based material;
- sandwiching the sheet of polybutadiene-based material between the first and second sheets of staged resin film to form a laminate; and
- applying the laminate to a core.